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Conservation of the CIA

Editor, The Gazette—An article describing liberal disenchantment with CIA leadership was dubbed a left-wing attack upon Allan Dulles.

Now, there are two reasons behind the liberal stand. First the CIA has been given the responsibility, or taken it, to gather intelligence and to judge itself by evaluation of said intelligence, and then implement programs based on what it has seen and evaluated. This combination is unknown in other countries, and has led to putting the cart before the horse.

Secondly, it is held that the CIA leadership is too conservative in political coloration. This conservative slant, liberals maintain, has produced an identification of the CIA with the corruption and lack of freedom in such countries as Formosa, Korea, Turkey, Spain, and Portugal. Just because the CIA leadership happens to prefer conservatism isn't valid grounds for rationalizing reactionary regimes in other countries, under the guise that they afford the best or only alternative to Communism.

As a matter of fact, the record of Rhee in Korea and Menderes in Turkey indicates a preference for privilege and corruption. Furthermore, the denial of popular freedom and reforms in Spain,

Portugal and Formosa is as much a blight upon world morality as is Communism.—Marion Jackson, 1221 Payne, Casper, Wyo.